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East Helena Lead Education and Assistance Program
Advisory Minutes
May 2, 2018
9:00 a.m.
City Hall
East Helena, MT 59635

Present:

Molly Roby, PWT

Judy Leland, City of East Helena

Betsy Burns, USEPA

Jan Williams, LEAP

Jan called the meeting to order and asked if there were any corrections or additions to the February 28th, 2018 minutes, Molly had the following additions and corrections: 3rd paragraph – 3rd sentence: Added **East Helena Institutional Controls GIS website**. 3rd paragraph 4th sentence: for samples collected by PWT and would be validated by a person or group **of** PWT. 3rd paragraph 5th sentence: Removed the **bike path on Lewis Street**, added in **bike path on Valley Drive to the new elementary school. Additional sampling includes residences throughout the East Helena Community**. With these corrections and additions the minutes were approved.

There were no public comments.

City of East Helena has requested the ability to stockpile excess soils from water main repair projects.

There was a group consensus that the City of East Helena can take excess soils from water main projects and stockpile those soils on City property for future water main projects – to reduce the cost of doing these projects. Under the soils displacement permitting process, the City had been taking those excess soils to the repository, and paying to have new soil brought in. With this new procedure, the City doesn't have to pay for new soil.

Program Reports:

Betsy had stated that May 29th would be the closing date for the public comment period on the Corrective Measures Study. After the public comment period closes the next step is to work on the Statement of Basis – Design work for slagpile.

Betsy stated that she didn't want any of the rail road right of way spoils to be put in the East Fields repository for 2 reasons:

1. The volume of soil to be removed will be enormous.
2. The concentrations of lead, arsenic and other heavy metals is extremely elevated and shouldn't be mixed in with residential soils in the repository.

Betsy said she will discuss how to handle the spoils from the rail road right of way clean up with Denver. One possibility is to have the slag piles listed as a Corrective Actions Measures Unit (CAMU) to place the spoils. A decision will have to be made as to who has jurisdiction over the placement of the spoils from the railroad. Betsy said she is currently working with RCRA and METG to place the spoils on the slag pile. The work that will be conducted on the right of way is scraping and removal of 18 inches of soil in residential areas. No time table is available as of yet – still waiting on Montana Rail Link to get back to them.

Betsy reported that she and Molly had talked with Jerry Hamlin about his development that is in the Administrative Boundary of the Soils Regulation. They had come up with a plan to sample the property along the perimeter of Canyon Ferry Rd and along the canal in 1 acre lots. The sampling will take place the 1st week of June.

Liz Gerhert, Pioneer Technical Services, Inc, is going to sample an area on the western edge of the Administrative Boundary for a sewer repair project.

Jean Riley, East Gate Water District has reported to Betsy that the East Gate Ditch had water flowing in it during the spring and she is concerned that the water carried contaminated soils from the repository down throughout East Gate subdivision. Jean wants the ditch sampled for lead and arsenic contamination. A decision will need to be made as to where the sampling should take place.

Molly stated that she will be sampling along Valley Drive, down to Plant Road and along Lewis Street. Molly also stated that she will be sending out an access agreement for Pele Park for soil sampling. Molly also reported that the Long Term Monitoring sampling has been completed for the year. PWT is waiting on permit applications/ access agreements from the rail road.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m. Next meeting: July 18th.

